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MEDIA ADVISORY

Horse Cavalry Detachment, 1st Cavalry Division visits Temple's state veterans home

Residents thrilled to witness military drill usually performed for soldiers coming home from war

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AUSTIN — Residents at the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home in Temple are set to witness a precision, military drill usually performed only for soldiers returning from Iraq.

Fort Hood's First Cavalry Division's Horse Cavalry Detachment will perform at the Texas State Veterans Home at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 10.

"We're proud to welcome such an outstanding example of military tradition," said Jerry Patterson, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board. "Our veterans appreciate this in a way that those who haven't served just can't understand."

At 10 a.m. the First Cavalry's Horse Cavalry Detachment will mount up and perform about 30 minutes of drill on horseback. A weapons demonstration - which consists of charging across the field on horseback and shooting pistols at targets, as well drawing sabers and attacking targets - will follow. The team consists of 11 riders and a wagon team. Following the demonstration, the soldiers will be treated to lunch at home with the residents.

For additional information on Texas State Veterans Homes and special home, land and home improvement loans for Texas veterans, call 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387), or visit the VLB Web site at www.texasveterans.com.

WHO: Fort Hood's First Cavalry Division's Horse Cavalry Detachment

WHAT: Precision, military drill

WHEN: 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 10

WHERE: William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home, 1424 Martin Luther King Jr. Lane, Temple (north end of VA campus)

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